

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
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Lexington

20 Waltham St.

Dr. Howland Holmes Barn

Country Flair Clothing Store

Melting Pot International July 77

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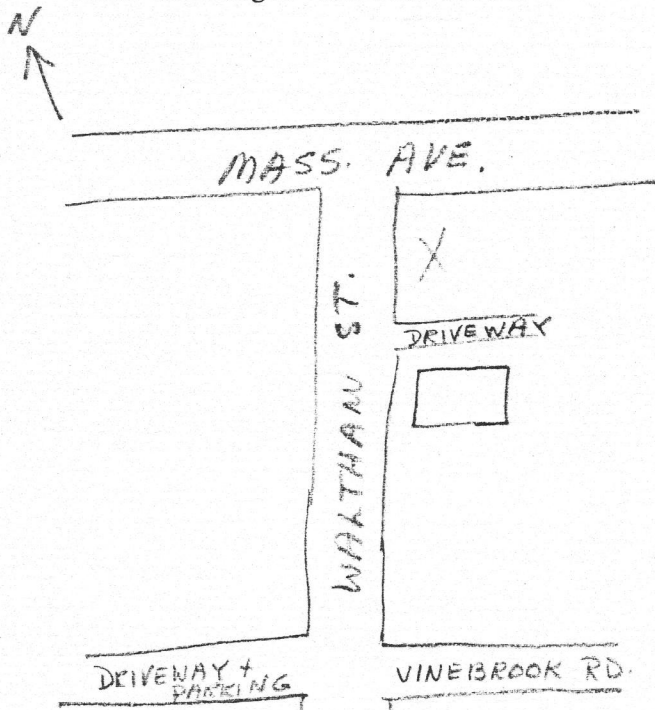
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pre 1851

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Barn (renovated)

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



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USGS Quadrant

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Archnitect

Exterior wall fabric Brick, clapboard

Outbuildings (describe)

Other features Note weathervane-gable end to street, 2 1/2 story; 1st. floor brick facade;

2nd floor clapboard-barn cupola w. arrow (over)

Altered Yes Date

Moved Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less x Over one acre

Approximate frontage 50'

Approximate distance of building from street

on sidewalk

6. Recorded by E. W. Reinhardt

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date October, 1975

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Dr. Howland Holmes, renovated by son Frank

Original use Barn

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Post Office - 1924, Alvin's Store 1938

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

(House originally associated with barn, called ~~the~~ ^{the} front entrance house, belonged to Muzzey family on corner of Mass. Ave & Waltham, entrance only on Waltham. Bought 1851 by Dr. Holmes. Torn down 1925.)

Descrip cont: weathervane survives - window in gable peak may be old. (6 x 1 panes) wing to right (2 story) to enlarge shop.

Historical significance (continued)

See Lexington Minute Man newspaper, May 13, 1982, article by Alice Hinkle on Holmes family and converted barn. See archives of the Lexington Historical Society for ink and wash drawing of Dr. Holmes' house.

S. Lawrence Whipple, 1984

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Ed. Worthen. Calendar History of Lexington - p.118

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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Town
LEXINGTON

Property Address
20 WALTHAM STREET

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

This was formerly the barn on Dr. Howland Holmes' property. The house was located at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Waltham Street and was demolished about 1925 to make way for the Aldrich Block at 1736 Massachusetts Avenue (#18).

The barn at 20 Waltham Street was converted to the post office in 1924 and remained as such until the new Post Office at 1661 Massachusetts Avenue (#16) was put in service in 1938.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Kelly, Beverly Allison. *Lexington: A Century of Photographs*. Lexington Historical Society, 1980, p. 91.

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Early 20th century photo of 20 Waltham St.

Source: Kelly, p. 91.